MEYER'S LOB HOUSE

AL-VI-B-093 37 E. Main Street, Lonaconing ca. 1840

The Meyer's House was originally a two room, log that was probably constructed during the early days of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company.

The house has been remodeled extensively and is now a two story, four bay wide building that has been covered with aluminum siding.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

|                       | <del></del>   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                     |                        |                    |  |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1 NAME                |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| HISTORIC              |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| ,                     | Meyer's       | s Log House                           |                     |                        |                    |  |
| AND/OR COM            |               |                                       |                     | -                      |                    |  |
| <u>.</u>              |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| 2 LOCAT               | ION           |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| STREET & NUI          |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
|                       |               | Main St <u>reet</u>                   |                     |                        |                    |  |
| CITY, TOWN            |               |                                       |                     | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT |                    |  |
|                       | Lonacor       | ning <del>X</del>                     | VICINITY OF         | Sixth                  |                    |  |
| STATE<br>Maryland     |               | nd                                    |                     | Allegany               |                    |  |
| 3 CLASS               |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| o CLASS               | ITIOAI        | ION                                   |                     |                        |                    |  |
| CATEG                 | ORY           | OWNERSHIP                             | STATUS              | PRESENT USE            |                    |  |
| DISTRICT              |               | PUBLIC                                | XOCCUPIED           | AGRICULTURE            | MUSEUM             |  |
| XBUILDING             | s(s) <u>X</u> | PRIVATE                               | UNOCCUPIED          | COMMERCIAL             | PARK               |  |
| STRUCTU               | RE            | вотн                                  | WORK IN PROGRESS    | EDUCATIONAL            | APRIVATE RESIDENCE |  |
| SITE                  |               | PUBLIC ACQUISITION                    | ACCESSIBLE          | ENTERTAINMENT          | RELIGIOUS          |  |
| OBJECT                |               | IN PROCESS                            | YES: RESTRICTED     | GOVERNMENT             | SCIENTIFIC         |  |
|                       | _             | BEING CONSIDERED                      | _YES: UNRESTRICTED  | INDUSTRIAL             | TRANSPORTATION     |  |
|                       |               |                                       | _Xno                | MILITARY               | OTHER              |  |
| A OWNE                | John E.       | ROPERTY  Meyers                       |                     | Telephone #: 40        | 63-2135            |  |
| SIREELAINU            |               | Main Street                           |                     |                        |                    |  |
| CITY, TOWN            | J1 L• 1       | dain Stieet                           |                     | STATE , 2              | rip code           |  |
|                       | Lonacor       | ning <u>X</u>                         | VICINITY OF         | Marvland 21539         |                    |  |
| 5 LOCAT               |               | F LEGAL DESCR                         | RIPTION             |                        |                    |  |
|                       |               |                                       |                     | Liber #: 293           |                    |  |
| COURTHOUS REGISTRY OF |               |                                       |                     | Folio #: 581           |                    |  |
| STREET & NU           |               | Allegany Count                        | <u>y Courthouse</u> |                        |                    |  |
| SIREEL & NO           | INIDEN        | 30 Woohington                         | Chanat              |                        |                    |  |
| CITY, TOWN            |               | 30 Washington                         | otreet              | STATE                  |                    |  |
|                       | Cumberland.   |                                       |                     | Maryland               | d                  |  |
| PEDDE                 | CENT          | ATION IN EXIST                        | ING SHRVEYS         | <del></del>            |                    |  |
|                       | OEI417        | 111OM IM LAIDT                        | III JON I LID       |                        |                    |  |
| TITLE                 |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| DATE                  |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| DATE                  |               |                                       | FEDERAL             | STATECOUNTYLOCA        | L                  |  |
| DEPOSITORY            | FOR           |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| SURVEY REC            | ORDS          |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |
| CITY, TOWN            |               |                                       |                     | STATE                  | <u>-</u>           |  |
|                       |               |                                       |                     |                        |                    |  |



EXCELLENT

X.GOOD

\_\_FAIR

12-VI-B-C93

CONDITION

\_\_DETERIORATED

\_\_RUINS
\_\_UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE** 

\_UNALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Meyer's Log House is located at 37 E. Main Street, Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Meyer's House is a two story, four bay wide, cross shaped building of frame and log construction that has since been covered with aluminum siding. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and has been covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure have been replaced and feature double hung, wooden sash frames with one over one lights with plain trim and cornices. A large, single story bay window is located on the southeast facade. Two entrances are also located on the main facade and feature replaced paneled doors. One of the doors is of special interest in that it has a large etched glass panel in it, one of two found in Lonaconing (See Historic Inventory Survey form # AL-VI-B-085). Both entrances are covered by a shed-roofed wrap around porch supported by frame and brick supports. Several small gable-roofed additions are located at the rear of the structure. A single, corbeled brick chimney is located on the outside gable end.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

12-VI-B-093

| PERIOD   | AF   | REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH  | IECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW   |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| —PREHISTORIC<br>—1400-1499<br>—1500-1599<br>—1600-1699<br>—1700-1799<br>—1800-1899<br>—1900- | ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE XARCHITECTURE ART COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS | COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT XINDUSTRY INVENTION | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE LMILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | RELIGION SCIENCE SCULPTURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| SPECIFIC DATES   |  | BUILDER/ARCHITECT  |  |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meyer's House was originally a two room log structure<sup>1</sup> which was probably constructed by the Georges Creek Coal and Iron Company during the first half of the 19th century. The company exercised almost feudal control over the town of Lonaconing until the 1850's. During that period, they not only built a large number of "company houses" but also bought up most of the existing houses in the town.<sup>2</sup> Given its proximity to the Lonaconing furnace (Historic Sites Inventory Form #AL-VI-B-004), the Meyer's Log House was probably constructed to house an iron worker for the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company. The house was owned by the company until 1890.<sup>3</sup>

The Meyer's House has been altered significantly since its original construction and the log portions are no longer visable.

<sup>1</sup> Interview with present owner, Mrs. John E. Meyers, February 8, 1977

<sup>2</sup> Stegmaier, Harry. <u>Allegany County - A History</u>, (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 134

<sup>3</sup> Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

MAJOR HIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

n-VI-B-093

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Stegmaier, Harry. Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Pringing Company, 1976)

#### CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA               |                            |                            |  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 172' | x 43'                      |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
| NEED AND ADVINE CONTINUE           |                            |                            |  |
| VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION        |                            |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
|                                    |                            |                            |  |
| LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES       | FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING | STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES |  |
| STATE                              | COUNTY                     |                            |  |
| STATE                              | COUNTY                     |                            |  |
| 11 FORM PREPARED BY                |                            |                            |  |
| NAME / TITLE                       | D-1d-i-                    |                            |  |
| John Nelson & Joan organization    | Datawiii                   | DATE                       |  |
| Allegany County His                | toric Sites Survey         | 2/24/77<br>TELEPHONE       |  |
| 507 National Highwa                | у                          | 777-8991                   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN                       |                            | stAte<br>Maryland          |  |

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

M-VI-B-093

#### TITLE SEARCH

Meyer's Log House

Allegany County Deed; Liber 293, Folio 581

grantee: John C. Meyers

grantor: Elizabeth W. Wilkes & Annie Bessie Wilkes

October 22, 1957

Consideration: \$8,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 160, Folio 709

grantee: Elizabeth W. Wilkes & Annie Bessie Wilkes

grantor: Eva M. Wilkes

June 17, 1929

Elizabeth & Annie Wilkes are daughters of Eva

Allegany County Deed; Liber 123, Folio 515

grantee: Eva M. Wilkes & Benjamin Wilkes

grantor: Albert Lashbaugh Miller

April 6, 1918

Consideration: \$1,050.00

Conveyed to Albert Miller by Nancy J. Miller by Will, December 28, 1917 Liber L, Folio 283.

Allegany County Deed; Liber 116, Folio 443

grantee: Nancy Jane Miller

grantor: Maryland Baptist Union Association

April 30, 1915

Allegany County Deed; Liber 106, Folio 460

grantee: Maryland Baptist Union Association
grantor: Nancy Jane Miller

July 26, 1910

Allegany County Deed; Liber 73, Folio 448

grantee: Nancy Jane Miller

grantor: John Peebles

March 16, 1893

Consideration: \$650.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 68, Folio 451

grantee: John Peebles

grantor: George's Creek Coal & Iron Company April 29, 1890

Consideration: \$430.00

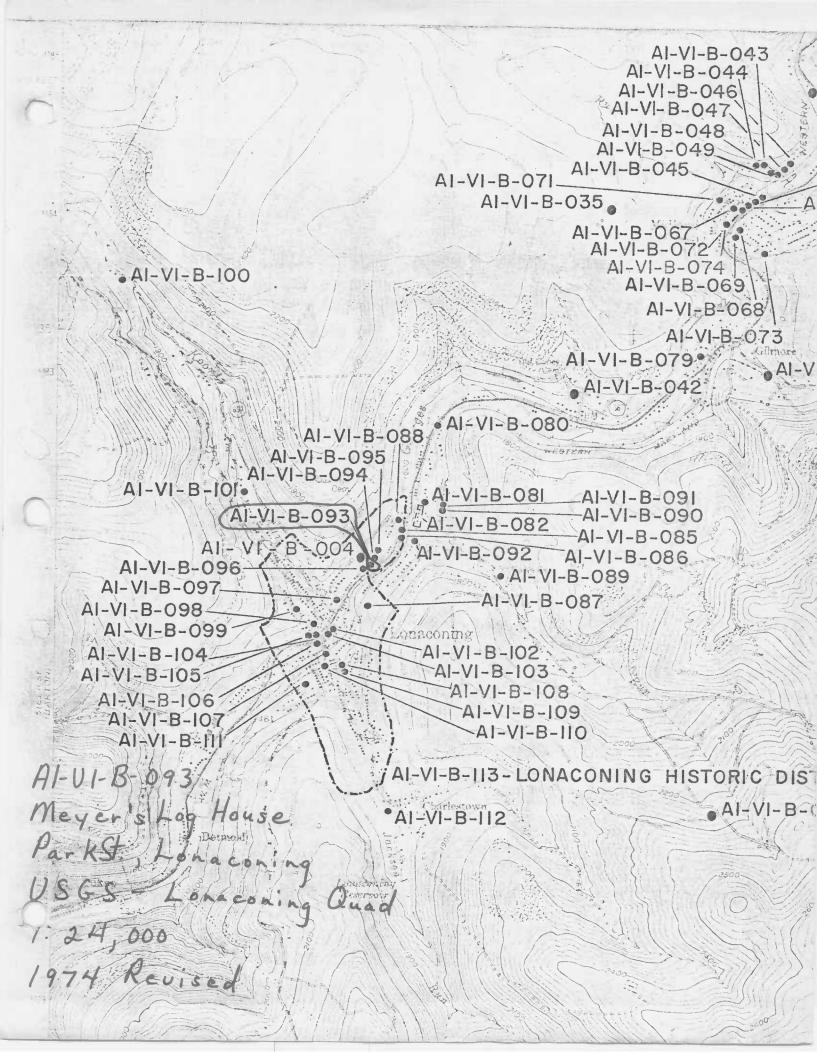
RCOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(X) gable( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Degmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Private home
Significance - Architecture
Date Constructed Condition - Good





Al-VI- B-093 Meyers Log House 37 East Main St., Lonaconing 2/8/77 John E. Nelson Southeast



Al- VI- B-093 Meyers Log House 37 East Main St. Long coning 2/8/77 John E Nelson Northwest